



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone is staying warm and looking forward to Spring. Punxsutawney Phil says we are having an early Spring. We can only hope he's right!

It looks like we will have a full house at Coco Cafe with approximately 30 people signed up to attend. It will be interesting and fun to see how a newer Hinckley business came to be, and enjoy some yummy pastries while we are there. The meeting starts at 7pm, so don't be late. Doors will open at 6:30pm. While you are munching on goodies, please think about volunteering for the various jobs that will need to be done on March 30th, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. You'll be warm since we are doing it inside in the gym of Hinckley Preparatory Academy on Rte.303 (the old elementary school). They have agreed to act as our host for the event. This will give us plenty of room. Kathy Schreck will be circulating sign-up sheets so don't be shy. It's a good opportunity for newer members to see what the Hunt is all about.

If you know of any Hinckley graduating seniors or those pursuing graduate studies or trade school, please mention the Hinckley Women's Club scholarships open to all Hinckley residents. Application forms can be found on our website, www.Hinckleywomensclub.com. The deadline for submitting applications is March 15th.

Finally, the Club needs volunteers to serve on the upcoming Board for the 2024-2025 membership year. We need a slate of officers to present to the Club at the March meeting. Elections will take place at the April meeting. The new officers will be installed at the Installation banquet in May. They serve a term from May, to the following May. We do not have any regular meetings in June-August. Our first regular meeting is in September. The Board consists of the following positions:

- ❖ President
- ❖ First Vice-President (in charge of membership)
- ❖ Second Vice-President (in charge of fundraising)
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Secretary

If you would like more information on any of these positions, contact Ann Leo or Lynne Rotundo. My travel plans prevent me from attending the February meeting, but I hope you all have a wonderful time. See you soon.

leoann1280@gmail.com.

- Ann Leo, President



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

According to the groundhog Phil, spring is right around the corner! The Sunshine Committee is ordering plenty of sunshine for all this early spring. Wishing our Valentine Birthday Ladies a very Happy Birthday!

💖 Tiffany Washington Farian - February 4th

💖 Lauren Alterman - February 11th

💖 Gerri Powell - February 17th

- Connie Huth, Karin Rupert

FEBRUARY MEETING -

***Please note Date Change

The February Monthly Meeting will be held:

**Thursday, February 8th
@ 7:00 PM
at Coco Cafe on Ridge Rd.**

Please come to the Coco Cafe where we have a presentation by Laura, the owner and head baker while enjoying scrumptious bakery and a warm beverage.

We will also have our regular meeting. Thanks,

- [Patty LaFontaine](#)



AND ALSO...

Hostesses are needed for the future Kentucky Derby Dinner on May 4th... the theme will be Run for the Roses ~ The Kentucky Derby. We are looking for members to host the event. Please see Jacqueline Merker if interested. Thank you!



Calling All Former & Current Bookworms!!!

Just a reminder to bring books to the February meeting for Buzzard Day Fundraiser. We are looking for new or gently used books to be sold at our booth. The theme is "A Blind Date with a Book"

Books are wrapped with a brief description of the book and sold for \$5.00.

- Two paperbacks for \$5.00.
- Three children's book for \$5.00.

Categories include: Fiction, Non Fiction, Children or Young adults and DIY, Misc.

Books can be dropped off at Beth Crosley's or Ann Leo's homes.

Wrapping paper is welcome too.

Any questions, please contact Beth Crosley, (330.608.7588).

Fundraising



SuperBowl Football Squares:

Thank you everyone who purchased Super Bowl Football Squares. Please see the attached document to the newsletter. If you sold squares to anyone outside of the HWC, please pass this information along to them. Good Luck!



Easter Egg Hunt:

Plans are moving forward for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. This year's event will be held at The Hinckley Preparatory Academy, and we will be indoors in the gymnasium. We can set everything up on Friday morning, which will be a huge help. There will be signup sheets at the February meeting for everyone who would like to help on Friday, Saturday or both days. A new

banner has been designed and printed announcing the new location and will be hung up at the school at the beginning of March. Also new this year, in addition to the basket raffle the day of the Hunt, we will be having an Online Auction. Vicki has set up a website and is working on getting the auction items collected and descriptions uploaded. Some of the items will include: a Hot Air Balloon ride, powder coating tire rims, two coolers, one with a variety of liquors and one with beer and wine. If you would like to donate something for these coolers, please bring them to the February meeting. We would like to have all donations by the beginning of March, when the website will go live. The plan is to have 5-6 auction items

- Vicki Tift and Kathy Schreck



UPCOMING HINCKLEY EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

SOLAR ECLIPSE/SOLAR GLASSES

As a result of the high demand for solar glasses, the club bought a couple hundred more! A number of them have already been sold to customers who were on a waiting list. If you want any solar glasses, they will be available at the next meeting. And then we will be selling them at Buzzard Day till they are gone.



2025 HINCKLEY BICENTENNIAL

As mentioned last Fall, the 2025 Hinckley Bicentennial Committee has been meeting, and soon the various subcommittees will be contacting Hinckley businesses and organizations to see how they would like to participate in this celebration. This may involve helping out with activities such as children's games, a parade, setups, contests, music, food, entertainment, etc., but it will also provide opportunities for organizations and businesses to do some fundraising. It may be time for HWC to set up a "one time" committee to start brainstorming how the HWC can participate. Please give it some thought!

- Pat Fordosi

Philanthropy:

Easter Egg Hunt Kids Toys Needed

It is that time of year again that we are making plans for the HWC Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We are in need of small toys (both boys and girls) for 2yr olds, 3yr olds, 4 yr old and 1st graders, also for 3rd grade boys. If you are in the Dollar Store, Target Dollar Bins or anyplace else that has inexpensive toys, and you can pick up a few that would be greatly appreciated. We try to keep the toys around \$1.00. You can turn in your receipts to get reimbursed if you want.

It would be great if we could have the gifts by the February meeting, to make sure we have enough, since the Easter Egg Hunt is at the end of March.

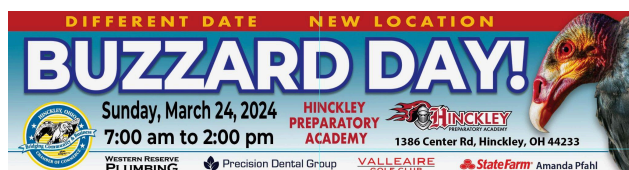
- Leslee Sambor & Kathy Schreck

Save the ring tabs from beer, pop, pet food etc. for Ronald MacDonald House. And don't forget if you have any old glasses, bring them to the meeting.

- Jacqueline Merker



Hinckley Chamber of Commerce
(hinckleyohiochamber.org)



Buzzard Sunday is coming! March 24 is the day!

Hinckley Preparatory Academy is the place! Pancakes and Sausage, Crafts, HWC Book Sale, and more!

The Chamber relies on HWC to help. This year, sign up for any way you want to help. Go to the chamber website and sign up on Sign Up Genius! Wearing your HWC gorgeous blue HWC shirt will show folks who we are and what we do.

<http://www.hinckleyohchamber.com> - Scroll down to "Volunteer at 2024 Buzzard Day"

- Heather Liccardi, Liaison

Community, Philanthropic, Social

HWC T-SHIRTS:

Our wonderful blue shirts can be ordered by contacting Heather Liccardi, If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, at hliccardi@yahoo.com.

- Heather Liccardi

Upcoming Events:

February 8th - Meeting / COCO Cafe - 7 p.m.
(doors open @ 6:30 p.m.)

February 12th - 7 p.m. Board Meeting at Joanne Polizzi's home.

February 25th, 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Dominic's in Medina for lunch, and then all those interested in going to Castle Noel afterwards. An off-season visit will be fun and less crowded too!

Sunday, March 3rd - Newsletter deadline - email Lynne @ sparklynne102@gmail.com

Sunday, March 24th - Buzzard Day

Thursday, March 21st - General Meeting at Hinckley Town Hall - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27th - Meet at Ann Leo's home to prepare baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Friday, March 29th - Setup at Hinckley Preparatory Academy for the Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th - Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11 a.m. - volunteers be there at 9:30 a.m.

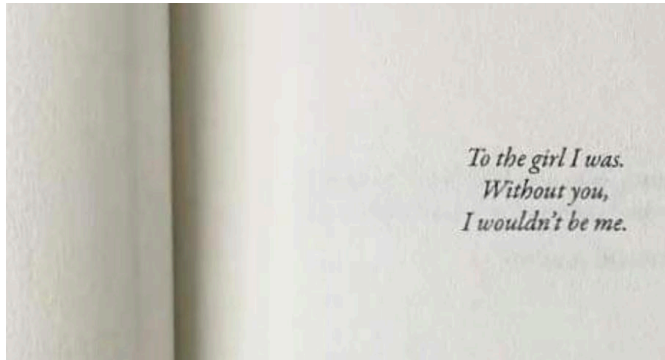


And now for the long awaited pictures of past events:





The "Inside Scoop"



From one member's perspective:

Judy Ogrin has been a resident of Hinckley since 1982 and is the third generation living on the Kellogg Road property. The property at one time was an active farm. However, the farm house burned down leaving only the house number which is still in use today. She has been married to Chuck for 50 years, parents of one son Doug, who is married with two boys living in Texas.

Her career path included working in the financial industry as a secondary loan underwriter and a supervisor in the Manufactured Home Department. Because of her love for flowers and wanting to work close to home, she was employed by Hirts Gardens for 14 years. Her responsibilities included customer service, fulfillment of orders and shipping ladybugs and praying mantis. Judy's fun job is working at Blossom Music Center as an Usher. She has been employed there for 25 years and she says it's been a blast. Although she has artists walk right passed her, she has never received an autograph.

Current pastimes that she shares with Chuck is square dancing and being members of the Brecksville Square Dance club. They have held various officer positions, danced at county fairs and have been involved with the Ohio Square Dance Convention. They can be found dancing just about every weekend in the Cleveland or Akron area. Judy's other interests included

hitting the bike trails, swimming and enjoying her backyard. Being a member of the HWC for over 30 years, the friendships formed are deeply treasured.

- [Judy Ogrin](#)



Inside the "Inside Scoop" from a newer member...

Ann Podkova has lived in Hinckley with her husband, Mike, & her son, Matthew, since 1981.

She retired in 2016 from Nursing after 39 years working in various clinical & managerial areas - cardiology, medical/surgical, skilled & long term care, & residential hospice.

Also during those 39 years, Ann worked as a Head Nurse in hospital settings, a Director of Nursing in several skilled & long term care facilities, & ended her nursing career at Holy Family Hospice as a staff RN.

She is a staunch believer in utilizing lifestyle changes & holistic approaches to reach & maintain optimal personal health. Ann regularly practices Pilates, yoga, & walks outdoors 2-3 times/week.

An avid Cleveland Browns fan, Ann watches or listens to every game. She also enjoys reading romantic thrillers, crocheting, listening to classical piano music, & is currently dabbling in bread-making with my new bread machine.

Have a Blessed 2024!

- [Ann Podkova](#)



We are looking for those interested in filling one of our open HWC board positions for next year. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the board, please contact the Nominating Committee members (Lynne Rotundo, Gayle Staron, and Michele Lee). Thank you!



Happy Valentine's Day to all of our gals!
May February bring everyone a little closer
to who you want to be!

- Lynne Rotundo

